

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

One: Not an easy peace, not an insignificant peace,
not a halfhearted peace, but the peace of God in Jesus Christ
be with you all.

Many: **And also with you.**

*A SIGN OF OUR UNITY AND RECONCILIATION

We invite you to greet those around you, wishing them
“peace” or “the peace of Christ.”

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANTHEM

None Other Lamb
Rob Woodin, *baritone*

Cummins

*None other Lamb, none other Name,
None other hope in heav'n or earth or sea,
None other hiding-place from guilt and shame,
None beside Thee.*

*My faith burns low, my hope burns low;
Only my heart's desire cries out in me
By the deep thunder of its want and woe,
Cries out to Thee.*

*Lord, Thou art Life, though I be dead;
Love's fire Thou art, however cold I be;
Nor heaven have I, nor place to lay my head,
Nor home but Thee.*

LISTEN

SCRIPTURE

Acts 2: 42-46

Deb Washington,
Church Moderator

*HYMN 332 (vv. 1-2)

As We Gather At Your Table

BEACH SPRING

SERMON

Be Like Luke: *Tell the Story*

Nancy S. Taylor

*HYMN 332 (v. 3)

As We Gather At Your Table

BEACH SPRING

CALL TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Hine Ma Tov* arr. Neil Ginsberg

(b. 1969)

הִנֵּה מֵה טוֹב וְיִמָּה נְעִים שְׂכֵת אַחִים גַּם יָחַד.

Hine ma tov uma na'im shevet achim gam yachad.

[How good and how pleasant it is when brothers and sisters dwell together in unity.]

PRAY

CALL TO PRAYER

Anthony T. Livolsi

One: We gather in God's name.

Many: We claim Christ's promised presence.

One: My friends, not out of dread and fear
but believing that God is faithful to forgive,
let us rid ourselves of what we need to carry no longer.
Let us pray.

OUR CONFESSION IS MET WITH GOD'S FORGIVENESS

One: Eternal God, maker of the skies above,
lowly Christ, born amidst the growing earth,

**Many: Spirit of life, wind over the flowing waters,
in earth and sky, you are there.**

One: O hidden mystery, sun behind all suns,
soul behind all souls,
in everything we touch, in everyone we meet,
your presence is around us, and we give you thanks.

**Many: But when we have not touched but trampled you in
creation, when we have not met but missed you in one
another, when we have not received but rejected you in the
poor, forgive us, and hear now our plea for mercy.**

One: Hear now the words of Jesus for all who are truly sorry and seek
to renew their lives: your sins are forgiven. Go in peace; come
and follow me.

**Many: Lead us now, O God, to acknowledge your costly generosity by
living as forgiven people, until heaven and earth rejoice and
the whole earth cries Glory! Through Christ our Lord.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

One: It is in this mystery of communion with Christ
that we pray for the Church throughout the world.
Lord, in your mercy,

Many: Hear our prayer.

One: We pray for the sick, the bereaved,
the oppressed and the homeless,
praying in particular for...
Lord, in your mercy,

Many: Hear our prayer.

One: We pray for the broken and torn fabric of the earth
as it yearns for healing,
praying in particular for our country,
for peace in the world's many trouble spots,
for the victims of war and violence,
and for those who keep the peace.
Lord, in your mercy,

Many: Hear our prayer.

One: And because you are one with us, O Christ,
enable us to share your life with the world
by sharing our own lives with the world. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (all sing:)



1. Our Fa-ther, who in heav'n art seen, In bright-est love and maj-es-ty;
2. O let thy prom-ised king-dom come Of grace and glo-ry from a-bove:
3. Give us this day our dai-ly bread; Our debts to thee for-give and blot,
4. But us from ev'-ry e-vil save: For thine the u-ni-ver-sal reign,



let all the u-ni-verse con-spire Thy glo-rious name to sanc-ti-fy.
And let thy will be done on earth As 'tis in heav'n with joy and love.
As we our debt-ors free for-give; In-to temp-ta-tion lead us not.
Thy pow'r and glo-ry al-ways was, Is, and shall ev-er be: A-men.

COMMUNE

INVITATION

Nancy S. Taylor

One: The table of bread and wine is now to be made ready.
It is the table of company with Jesus,
and all who love him.
It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world,
with whom Jesus identified himself.
It is the table of communion with the earth,
in which Christ became incarnate.
So come to this table,
you who have much faith
and you who would like to have more;
you who have been here often
and you who have not been for a while
you who have tried to follow Jesus,
and you who have failed;
Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.
Let us pray.

**Many: Loving God, through your goodness
we have this bread and wine to offer,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
May we know your presence
in the sharing of this bread,
so that we may know your touch
in all bread, all matter.
We celebrate the life that Jesus has shared
among his community through the centuries,
and shares with us now.
Made one in Christ, and one with each other,
we offer these gifts and with them ourselves,
a single, holy, living sacrifice. Amen.**

THE THANKSGIVING

One: God be with you.
Many: And also with you.
One: Lift up your hearts.
Many: We lift them to the Lord.
One: Let us give thanks to God.
Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
One: We offer you praise, dear God, and hearts lifted high,
for in the communion of your love

Christ comes close to us and we come close to Christ.
 Therefore with the whole realm of nature around us,
 with earth, sea, and sky, we sing to you.
 With the angels of light who envelop us,
 with all the saints before and beside us,
 with brothers and sisters, east and west, we sing to you.
 And with our loved ones, separate from us now,
 who yet in this mystery are close to us,
 we join in the song of your unending greatness:

Many: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!

CONGREGATIONAL SONG (seated)

Come Now, O Prince of Peace

Geonyong Lee

arr. Jeremy Bankson (b. 1975)

Choir: 1. *Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one body,*
Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.

CHOIR AND CONGREGATION:



2 Come now, O God of love, make us one bod - y.
 3 Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior.
 4 Come, Hope of u - ni - ty, make us one bod - y.



Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
 Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.
 Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.

BREAKING, POURING, BLESSING

One: Blessed is our brother Jesus...

COMMUNION

One: He whose table was open to all
is now present in this bread.
He whose word welcomed friend and stranger
offers friendship through this cup.

**Many: With people everywhere we affirm
God’s goodness at the heart of humanity,
planted more deeply than all that is wrong.**

One: The gifts of God for the people of God:

Many: We come, for all things are now ready.

MUSICAL REFLECTION Communion Richard Purvis (1913–1994)

DEPART

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

One: Living God, in this sacrament we have shared in your eternal kingdom.
May we who taste this mystery forever serve you in faith, hope, and
love. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

**Many: Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely
more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from
generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

*HYMN We Who Live By Sound and Symbol ABBOT’S LEIGH
(See Next Page)

*BIDDING TO MISSION AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Hold On Calvin Taylor (b. 1948)



Today’s Communion Liturgy comes from the Iona Community.

Close-Up, a 20-minute tour of the Sanctuary, begins following
worship at the front of the Sanctuary. Led by docent Liz Morgan.

We, Who Live By Sound and Symbol

1. We, who live by sound and sym - bol, we, who learn ___ by
2. Not just once with spe - cial peo - ple, not just hid - den
3. God, our Ma - ker, send ___ your Spir - it to per - vade ___ the

sight ___ and word, find these mar - ried in ___ the per - son
deep ___ in time, but, when - ev - er Christ is fol - lowed,
bread we break. Let it bring the life ___ we long for

of the one ___ we call ___ our Lord. Tak - ing bread to be ___ his
earth - ly fare ___ be - comes sub - lime. Though to sound this seems a
and the love ___ which we ___ for - sake. Bind us clos - er to ___ each

bo - dy, tak - ing wine to be his blood, he ___ let thought take
mys - tery, though to sense it seems ab - surd, yet ___ in faith, which
oth - er, both for - giv - ing and for - given; give ___ us grace in

flesh ___ in ac - tion, he ___ let faith ___ take root in food.
seems like fol - ly, we ___ meet Je - sus Christ our Lord.
this ___ and all things to ___ dis - cern ___ the hand of heaven.

Text: *The Hand of Heaven*, John Bell and Graham Maule
Tune: ABBOT'S LEIGH, Cyril Vincent Taylor

Notes on Today's Music from Mitchell Crawford

Today's music offers a variety of commentaries on Communion and the implications of this shared meal on our theology and faith. In *None Other Lamb*, English poet **Christina Rossetti** juxtaposes her own grief at the death of her mother and brother with a consolation borne of her deep faith in Christ, our sacrifice. The setting by **Richard Cummins** incorporates the tune ALL HALLOWS, composed in the latter 19th century by Englishman F. L. Wiseman. Cummins is a graduate of Westminster Choir College and The Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia, where he studied with legendary pedagogue **Alexander McCurdy** (who chaired the organ departments at both schools). We encounter another McCurdy student, **Richard Purvis**, later in the service. In their organ compositions, both Purvis and Cummins incorporate sounds which are native — and peculiar — to the kind of instrument championed by organ builder **E. M. Skinner** (of Boston), maker of our sanctuary organ, and arguably the most significant builder of pipe organs in the 20th century. The other anthem for the morning, *Hine Ma Tov*, is a Hebrew setting of the 133 Psalm. Its composer, **Neil Ginsberg**, is a graduate of the Hartt School of Music at the University of Hartford, as well as the University of Southern California. In both *Hine Ma Tov* and the congregational song, *Come Now O Prince of Peace*, Old South is pleased to welcome the return of flutist **Agita Arista**.

WELCOME TO OLD SOUTH CHURCH

Welcome to Old South Church in Boston. We are a progressive Christian church first gathered in 1669. The Church played a significant role in early American history. Today, Old South Church continues to outfit itself for mission and ministry in the 21st century as a thriving urban church in the heart of Boston. Join us immediately following worship for fellowship and refreshments in the Gordon Chapel.

The flowers today are given by Nancy Taylor in loving memory of her husband, Peter.

If you need to stretch your legs during worship the Gordon Chapel has full audio of the Sanctuary service throughout.

Name tags facilitate community and help newcomers feel welcomed. If you don't see a tag with your name on it, let us know. For LARGE print bulletins or hearing assistance devices ask an Usher.

HEARING ASSISTED DEVICES

Old South has installed a *Hearing Loop* in the Sanctuary, the latest technology in hearing assisted devices.

1. If you have a hearing aid: the loop works directly for those whose hearing aids have a "T-Coil."
2. If you are hard of hearing but don't use an aid: ask for one the devices that is paired with the loop.

Note: The sound will be best if you sit further inside the pews, away from the aisles. The loop does NOT work in the upper galleries.

GARAGE PARKING VALIDATIONS

We have arrangements for discounted parking with two nearby garages for Old South Church worship or church business (excluding weddings and concerts):

1. Park at the **Garage@100 Clarendon** (behind Back Bay Station), have your ticket validated at our Front Desk, and *you* pay the discounted rate of \$7 for up to 3 hours. Old South bears no cost.
2. Park at the **Prudential Garage** for up to 5 hours on Saturday or Sunday, have your ticket validated at our Front Desk, and the Prudential Garage will bill *Old South* (costing us \$15k - \$20k per year).

CALENDAR

Sunday, June 3	9:00 am	FIRST Worship, <i>Nancy S. Taylor preaching</i>
	9:00 am	Children's Choir Rehearsal
	9:45 am	Old South Café in Gordon Chapel
	10:00 am	Appreciation Potluck Breakfast and Outreach Fair
	10:00 am	Summer Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 am	FESTIVAL Worship, <i>Nancy S. Taylor preaching</i>
	11:15 am	Children's Music
	12:15 pm	Fellowship Hour in Gordon Chapel
	12:30 pm	Meet & Greet Mitchell! on the Chancel
	12:30 pm	Climate Change Book Group
	12:30 pm	Communications Committee
Monday, June 4	6:30 pm	Theological Book Group
	7:00 pm	Christian Service and Outreach Committee
	7:00 pm	Spiritual Classics Small Group
Tuesday, June 5	6:00 pm	Old South Ringers Rehearsal
	6:30 pm	Stewardship Committee
	7:00 pm	Christian Formation Committee
Wednesday, June 6	6:15 pm	Young Adult Book Group
	6:30 pm	Young Adult Group
Thursday, June 7	12:00 pm	Women's Lunch Hour Small Group
	6:00 pm	JAZZ Worship, <i>John M. Edgerton preaching</i>
	7:00 pm	Young Adult Book Group
Saturday, June 9	11:00 am	Pride Morning Worship
	12:00 pm	Pride Parade Marchers Gather in Gordon Chapel
Sunday June 10	9 & 11am	FIRST and FESTIVAL Worship <i>John M. Edgerton preaching</i>

**OLD SOUTH CHURCH IN BOSTON
MINISTERS, OFFICERS AND STAFF**

Nancy S. Taylor, Senior Minister
John M. Edgerton, Associate Minister ❖ Anthony T. Livolsi, Associate Minister
James W. Crawford, Senior Minister Emeritus
Mitchell Crawford, Minister of Music
Kate Nintcheu, Director, Children and Family Ministries
Donald A. Wells, Theologian in Residence ❖ June R. Cooper, Theologian in the City
Calvin Genzel, Wedding Outreach Minister ❖ Ken Orth, Healing Worship Minister
Carrie Swayne-Gerrish, Youth Leader ❖ Rebecca Bowler, Seminarian Intern
Carolyn Davis, Director, Old South Preschool ❖ Emma Brewer-Wallin, Ministry Intern
George Sargeant, Associate Organist and Choirmaster
Tim Harbold, Director, Gospel Choir ❖ Willie Sordillo, Director, Jazz Worship Music
Peter Coulombe, Director, Old South Ringers ❖ Amy Budka, Children's Music Leader
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Emily Ross, Archivist
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Corey Spence, Rubia Reyes and Carrie Swayne-Gerrish, Receptionists

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A NOTE ON THE INCLUSIVE DIMENSIONS OF GOD'S GRACE

Old South Church in Boston, in the name of its host, Jesus Christ, and in the spirit of Christ's invitation carved into the stone of this church's portico, "Behold I Set Before You an Open Door," welcomes all who seek to know God.

Following the One who we believe is Sovereign and Savior, we affirm that each individual is a child of God, and recognize that we are called to be like one body with many members, seeking with others of every race, ethnicity, creed, class, age, gender, marital status, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression to journey together toward the promised realm of God.

We invite everyone to join in the common life and mission of our reconciling community through participation and leadership in this congregation, and by fully sharing in the worship, rites and sacraments of this church.

As we all move forward with the work of this church, we commit ourselves to making justice and inclusivity a reality in this congregation and in the world. On the threshold of Christ's open door, we rely upon the healing, unconditional nature of God's love and grace to be our help and guide.

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OLD SOUTH ENCYCLOPEDIA

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO RESEARCH & WRITE ENTRIES

To celebrate our upcoming 350th anniversary, we are writing our very own encyclopedia, titled “Concise Encyclopedia: Theological, Historical & Whimsical of Old South Church in Boston”. **We need volunteers to do research and write entries for the encyclopedia!**

To participate, please visit www.oldsouth.org/encyclopedia. There you’ll find a list of topics to choose from, guidelines for writing, and instructions for submitting.

If you do not have access to the internet, you can still participate — simply pick up the submission form and instructions at the Front Desk.

LGBTQ PRIDE 2018

Saturday, June 9 at 11am

PRIDE MORNING WORSHIP

Pride Morning Worship is a high-energy, joyous annual service celebrating the LGBTQ community. This year we honor Freedom For All Massachusetts, the bipartisan coalition committed to defending the Bay State’s existing transgender-inclusive nondiscrimination law at the ballot this November.

PARADE

Following worship, Old South Church joins the Boston Pride Parade and proclaims the love God has for all. To join us, email anthony@oldsouth.org. After worship we’ll gather in Gordon Chapel for free lunch. When the parade passes by we will run out to join our group.

T-SHIRTS

Don’t forget to purchase a pride t-shirt, featuring a rainbowfied Old South Church, available at the Front Desk for \$20. This one-of-a-kind t-shirt will help unify Old South in the parade.

SERVICE + FAITH INTO ACTION

PRAYER VIGIL AT ICE DETENTION CENTER

Sunday, June 3, 2pm at 20 Bradston St., Boston

Join us as we come together as a visible symbol to our siblings in detention to show them that they are not forgotten. For more information please contact Alliea Group - aegroupp@aol.com, (617) 435-4220.

CRADLES TO CRAYONS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Saturday June 16th, 10am – 12pm

Join church school families in a service project at Cradles to Crayons' warehouse in Brighton as we help to sort donations of school supplies, toys, and other materials. We're also looking for an adult to help run this event. Contact Kate at children@oldsouth.org to register/volunteer. Anyone is welcome to join in!

SANCTUARY MOVEMENT VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Wednesday, June 20th at 6:30pm

Our guest entered sanctuary in August of 2017 and has been supported by many volunteers over the past year, from those who have purchased groceries, provided educational opportunities, or been a regular volunteer.

We are looking for folks who would be available occasionally to cover shifts ranging from 4-10 hours (overnight). Training will be held on Wednesday, June 20th at 6:30pm, location TBA. To participate in the training, please contact Alliea Group at aegroupp@aol.com.

COMMUNITY LIFE

MEET & GREET MITCHELL CRAWFORD

Meet our new Minister of Music on Sunday, June 3 at 12:30pm on the Chancel

Gather in the choir stalls. Meet Mitchell. Ask Questions. Listen as he shows off the great E.M. Skinner Organ. Strengthen our community!

SUMMER HOSPITALITY HOST SIGN UP

It's time to sign up to participate in Old South's warm, inclusive, open door welcome for the summer. Whether you'd like to usher, welcome, or bring and serve food, we need your help! Visit <https://tinyurl.com/SUMMER2018Hosp> to sign up - the deadline is June 10th.

CLIMATE CHURCH, CLIMATE WORLD BOOK GROUP

Sundays at 12:30 through June 17

Join in the conversation about our faith response to climate change while reading Jim Antal's new book. Margaret Bush will facilitate. Contact Emma Brewer-Wallin (ebrewerw@gmail.com) with questions or to sign up.

OLD SOUTH OUTDOORS

This summer Old South has planned a series of group hikes and excursions. We'll deepen our experiences of community and discover God in the beauty and majesty of the natural world. Immediately following First Worship, at 10am, we will depart, carpooling from the church. Send questions and RSVPs to organizer Anne Dickinson Meltz of the Membership Committee at annedickinsonmeltz@gmail.com.

Summer Schedule:

Middlesex Fells Reservation - June 10

Mount Monadnock - June 24

Blue Hills Reservation - July 15

Hammond Park Reservation - August 5

Church of the Woods - August 26 (for their afternoon service!)

MONTHLY CAREGIVING SUPPORT GROUP

Meets the second Tuesday of every month, 11am, at Old South

Are you providing care for others and find the emotional burden to be sometimes overwhelming? Old South's monthly Caregiver Support Group, led by social worker and Old South member Rich Hassinger, is a structured space in which you can reflect, process, and be encouraged in your ministry of compassion. For more information, contact anthony@oldsouth.org.

COLUMBARIUM DEDICATION

Sunday, July 1 at 12:30pm

The Robert & Coley Elder Memorial Columbarium will be dedicated after Festival Worship on July 1st.

NOTICES 1) Worship services and events at Old South Church are sometimes photographed and videotaped to document the vibrant life of our church. If you do not wish to be included in these recordings, please notify an usher. 2) Please do not leave bags unattended in the building, including in the Sanctuary, for any length of time.

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